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U.S Army Corps of Engineers seeks public comment on proposed improvements to the Pavaho Pumping Plant in Dallas

FORT WORTH, Texas-- The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently accepting comments on the Environmental Assessment, a National Environmental Policy Act document, for the improvements pertaining to the proposed Pavaho Pumping Plant in Dallas.

The Corps and City of Dallas propose to construct a new pump station at the Pavaho Pumping Plant, located adjacent to the west levee of the Dallas Floodway on Canada Drive. The proposed pump station would consist of three, 125,000-gallons per minute pumps, and one, 6,000-gpm low-flow pump. Discharge from the pumps would flow through an 120-inch diameter pipe into a junction box adjacent to and north of the existing Pavaho Pump Station. From there, the discharge from the existing and proposed Pavaho Pump Stations would combine and drain via two existing gravity sluices into the Trinity River.

Section 5141 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 authorizes the proposed action. Implementation of the proposed action would not result in significant impacts on the social, economic, or human and natural environment. No adverse impact on any species considered by the Endangered Species Act is expected. No significant transportation, noise, land use, environmental justice, or hazardous waste concerns were identified within the project area. As the existing Pavaho Pump Station is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, contractors would implement the proposed action in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement developed with the State Historic Preservation Office. Before starting construction, contractors would be required to have erosion control, traffic control, and hazardous spill prevention plans in place. Proposed construction measures and operation and maintenance features of the project may meet the criteria for Nationwide Permit 12 - "Utility Line Activities."

Written comments on the EA will be accepted through June 6, 2010 by sending them directly to Jeffry A. Tripe, CESWF-PER-EE, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102-0300, or by e-mail at Jeffry.A.Tripe@usace.army.mil. Copies of the EA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact may be requested in writing at the above address, by telephone at (817) 886-1716, or by visiting the project website at http://www.dallasfloodwayprojecteis.com.

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About the Fort Worth District: The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was established in 1950. The District is responsible for water resources development in two-thirds of Texas, and design and construction at military installations in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico. Visit the Fort Worth District Web site at: www.swf.usace.army.mil.